3663 1FW

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
Patent and Trademark Office: US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
for the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

ν,	Application Number	10/583,459
TRANSMITTAL	Filing Date	June 19, 2006
FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	First Named Inventor	Arthur H. Thompson
	Group Art Unit	3663
	Examiner Name	Deandra M. Hughes
Total number of pages in this submission	Attorney Docket Number	2004UR004

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)								
	Fee Transmit	ttal Form		Drawing(s)		After Allowance Communication to Group		
	Fee A	ttached		Licensing-related Papers		Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences		
\boxtimes	Amendment /	Response		Petition		Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply)		
	After I	Final		Petition to convert a Provisional Application		Proprietary Information		
	Affida	vits/declaration(s)		Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence		Status Letter		
	Extension of	Time Request		Terminal Disclaimer	\boxtimes	Return Receipt Postcard		
Express Abandonment Request			Request for Refund		Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):			
	Information D	Disclosure Statement		CD, Number of CD(s)	1.			
Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)			Landscape Table on CD	2.				
	Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application		Remarks					
	Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53							
	unae	er 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53						
——————————————————————————————————————	,		<u> </u>					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT								
Firm								
or	or							
	Individual Name ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company							
Signa	Signature 1. 1 and 1 lly some							
Date		<i>O</i> June 21, 2007						

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION / MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below: Signature Date June 21, 2007

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentially is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Office, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/583,459 Confirmation No.: 3699

Applicant : Arthur H. Thompson

Filed : June 19, 2006

TC/Art Unit : 3663

Examiner : Deandra M. Hughes

Docket No. : 2004UR004

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2007 concerning the above identified patent application.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 5 of this paper;

Conclusion begins on page 10 of this paper.